

## Inaugural Function of The Certificate Course of Ādi Śaṅkarā Studies Centre, SCSVMV University, Enathur, Kanchipuram

The inauguration of the certificate course in Sankara studies was held on 07.01.2011 with the benign blessings of Pujya Jayendra Saraswathi Swamigal and Pujya Sankara Vijayendra Saraswathi Swamigal of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham. The course was run by the Adi Sankara Studies Centre, sponsored under the epoch-making social thinkers of India scheme of UGC. His Holiness Dayananda Saraswathi Swamiji graced the function as Chief Guest and inaugurated the course.

The function started at 11.00 a.m. with a Vedic invocation followed by a prayer. Prof. Vishnu Potty. V.S, Dean (Sanskrit) introduced the centre and welcomed the gathering.

Prof. P.V.Vaidyanathan, Chancellor, SCSVMV presided over the function. In his presidential address, he emphasized that the Advaitic thoughts were universal and had more relevance in the present frantic scenario. He said that the certificate course was started in the presence of a great soul, Dayananda Saraswathi Swamiji and this would make the centre achieve its goal successfully.

His Holiness Dayananda Saraswathi Swamiji gave the Anugraha Bhashana and explored the world of Advaita Vedanta with his admirable speech. He told that Sankara was symbolizing himself as Sampradayavid and the Advaita Vedanta existed from time





immemorial. He expounded with simple examples and Upanishadic quotations that Advaita was the real and the duality what we see, was not real. The jivatma gets fear from the supreme soul because of the dvaita knowledge. The jivatama equation is quite simple and easily be attained. With simple logics Swamiji explained the reality of Advaita and the Svarupa and Tatastha lakshna of the Supreme Being. Swamiji concluded that the Dvaita did not exist and one should have the thirst to know the Advaita to overcome the transcendental world. The certificate course started by the university would have authenticity and would be beneficial for all.

Prof. C.V.Vaidyanathan, Vice-Chancellor congratulated the organizers in his felicitations. He explained the relevance of

the inferential knowledge system of Advaita, in the present Computer scenario. The logarithmic approach of the Advaita Sastra would be very much useful to the modern knowledge system.

The Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor distributed the prizes to the students who had won in the various competitions.

Prof. G.Srinivasulu, Head, Department of Sanskrit proposed the vote of thanks.

Prof. K.P.V.Ramanakumar, Dean (R&H) was the master of ceremony and introduced the Chief-Guest.

Prof. Narayan Jee Jha, Director, Adi Sankara Studies Centre organized the program.

